

THE ARMY.

Herald Register for the Present Year.

COMPLETE LIST OF OFFICERS.

Change in the Manner of Making Promotion.

INSTRUCTORS AT THE MILITARY ACADEMY.

Details for Various Institutions of Learning.

WASHINGTON, April 24, 1878.

The unusual delay in the publication of the Army Register for 1878 has caused much disappointment to those officers and their friends who have been accustomed to receive it within a month or six weeks of its nominal date of issue, January 1. From present indications it is very uncertain when it will appear in the War Department, the stereotyped, but not very satisfactory reply to the oft-repeated question "When will the Register be out?" is simply "Don't know." The last reason assigned for its non-appearance is the failure of the Senate to act upon certain nominations for the promotion of subalterns. The names of these officers were sent to the Senate under the rule that has governed such promotions for the last sixteen years—viz., regimental promotion to the grade of captain. But the compiler of the Revised Statutes having, by section 1,204, revised a practically obsolete act of 1814, that "promotions in the line shall be made through the whole army in the several lines of artillery, cavalry and infantry," the question of line vs. regimental promotion has been agitated by the senior subalterns for the last three years until at length they have got it squarely before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Meantime promotions hang fire, and the Army Register is quietly sleeping in the Government Printing office waiting for the finishing touches of the Adjutant General.

This being the case, a full register, including changes in rank and in pose up to April 20, has been carefully prepared for the HERALD, and is given herewith. The names of those officers whose promotions are delayed have been "carried up" in this register, and are printed in Italics. It is worthy of remark that, although thirty graduates of the class of '78 had to be attached to regiments as additional second lieutenants, the casualties have since been so numerous that, with three exceptions, all these "additionals" have been promoted to full second lieutenants. The exceptions are one in the cavalry and two in the artillery. These might be provided for at once by transfer to the infantry, as there are three vacancies in that arm of the service.

GENERAL OFFICERS.
General of the Army—William F. Sherburne.
Lieutenant General—Philip H. Sheridan.

Major Generals—W. S. Hancock, John M. Schofield, Irvin McDowell, George B. McClellan, J. G. Foster, E. P. Thomas, E. R. Slocum, E. H. Devin, G. W. Wood, A. H. Trowbridge, C. W. Woolsey.

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Assistant Adjutant-General—Colonel G. R. Drury, J. H. Fry; Lieutenant Colonels J. G. Kilson, Robert Williams, W. D. Whipple (Colonel and Aid-de-Camp); G. McKeever; Majors G. D. Ruggles, T. M. Vincent, D. D. Green, J. E. Martin, E. H. Devin, G. W. Wood, J. H. Trowbridge.

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